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The Honorable Michael T. McCaul
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman,

I am writing on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police to thank you for soliciting our views on H.R. 3548, the "Border Security for America Act."

The Fraternal Order of Police is a strong advocate for enhancing border security and giving the men and women of law enforcement the resources they need to do their job to the best of their abilities. We share your commitment to improving the safety of those officers entrusted to protect our border and our communities.

There are many provisions in the legislation you have introduced that the FOP has historically supported. The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), which reimburses States and localities for the costs of incarcerating illegal aliens convicted of serious crimes, is one such example. We also support the Secure Communities program, which is a simple and common-sense way to identify aliens in the custody of State or local law enforcement agency and share that information with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). We also support expedited hiring to increase the ranks of officers in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and ICE to help protect our borders.

As law enforcement officers, we took an oath to protect and serve our communities and our nation. We are glad that you are committed to providing law enforcement the resources it needs to do our jobs and protect those we have sworn to serve. We support you in those efforts. I look forward to working with you to help us make our borders secure and our officers safer.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for your leadership on law enforcement issues. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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